(a) whether any fresh steps have been taken by Government to meet the demand of declaring the whole of punjab as industrially backward State; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of big industries in rural area

1622. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to vary the earlier Government's policy of encouraging the setting up of big industries in rural areas; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what are the details of alternative action plan, if any?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

25 per cent privatisation of the capital of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.

1623. SHRI N. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation has suggested Government to allow 25 per cent privatisation of its capital; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reatcion thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does no arise.

DPEA dues on Gentamycin

1624. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of drug companies which were issued notices for recovery on Gentamycin under DPEA;

(b) whether his Ministry has worked out the amount due from each company;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and amount recovered from each;

(d) whether it is a fact that certain companies overinvoiced the purchases to reduce the profits;

(e) if so, what are the names of the parties;

(f) whether it is also a fact that the purchase rate differs during the same period;

(g) whether it is a fact that such instances have come to the notice of his Ministry; and

(h) what was the lowest rate of purchase and highest rate during the same period and what steps have been taken to investigate the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) the details to the extent available are given below:

S. No.	Name of the Company	Amount assessed (Rs. in lakhs)	Period upto	Amount received (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	M/s. Fulford (I) Ltd.	194.62	79-80 to 2/84	50.00
2.	M/s. Lyka Labs. Ltd.	17.47	7/79 to 3/84	1.7
3.	M/s. Nicholas Labs.	53.03	79-80 to 3/84	--
4.	M/s. Biochem Pharma Limited.	33.98	79-80 to 3/84	--

(d) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) to (h) The purchase prices of the Companies of Gentamycin to the extent available, are given below:

S. No.	Name of the Company	Purchase Price (Rs./ gm).	Period involved
1.	M/s. Fulford (I) Ltd. . . .	Between 13·58 & 33·22	79-80 to Feb. 84.
2.	M/s. Nicholas Labs Limited. . . .	Between 16·15 & 35·20	79-80 to 83-84.
3.	M/s. Lyka Labs. Ltd.	Between 28·30 & 34·28	7/79 to 3/84.

Set offs allowed to Flucort range formulations

1625. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2435 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crores of rupees which were due into DPEA have been given in the form of set offs and wrong adjustment;

(b) if so, what are the details of set offs allowed alongwith the name of each company and drug;

(c) whether his Ministry obtained the opinion on set offs from the Ministry of Law;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that representation from the produce of Flucort came before amount due was communicated to them; and